

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

October 17, 2000

Upon Recess of BMA

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll. There were fourteen Aldermen present.

Present: Aldermen Wihby, Gatsas, Levasseur, Sysyn, Clancy, Pinard, O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, Vaillancourt, Pariseau, Cashin, Thibault, and Hirschmann

Mayor Baines addressed item 3 of the agenda:

3. Resolution:

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Twenty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Five Dollars (\$23,665) from Contingency to Police Special Projects (3319C10898) for a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant.”

On motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted that the Resolution be read by title only, and it was so done.

Alderman Wihby moved that the Resolution pass and be enrolled. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

CIP Budget Authorizations:

1998	510291	Riverwalk Planning & Development
1999	510199	Riverfront Development
2000	510100	Riverfront Development

Alderman Lopez moved to approve the CIP budget authorizations. Alderman O'Neil duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I'm just going to tell the Board right now that I am withdrawing my support for the Riverwalk heading south, I want the Riverwalk to start heading north where it is a viable thing that the community can use and I am going to vote against anything heading south from this point on.

Alderman O'Neil stated heading north is under design right now, it's the most difficult part to design. Hopefully, the design will be finished by spring time. The cheapest part to construct was heading south which is why that is underway. We could approve all kinds of money for heading north, but nothing would be constructed for at least another year.

Mayor Baines called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried with Alderman Gatsas, Shea, Vaillancourt and Hirschmann duly recorded in opposition.

TABLED ITEM

4. Resolution

“Continuation of the Central Business Service District”

This item remained on the table.

Alderman Levasseur asked when is the tax bill on the Central Business Service District going out, we were supposed to get a recommendation from the Advisory Board, your Honor, on the 17th, we haven't received anything. I'm wondering maybe if your office could send a letter to the Advisory Board (Fran Cirello) saying what's up, it's been a while. I think a lot of my constituents up in the northern part are in a quandary on this and the bills are going out, I believe.

Mayor Baines asked can somebody advise me on this tomorrow morning.

Mr. MacKenzie stated I do know that the Central Business Service District has met several times, they are actually meeting very shortly (seven o'clock tomorrow morning).

Alderman Wihby stated before we get out of Finance...if we're going to have a meeting before the tax rate setting on the 31st (if you have a special meeting) can that just be...you can call a Finance meeting or can we recess this meeting, does it matter.

Mayor Baines stated I'm looking at next Wednesday, by the way, it seems clear for next Wednesday night. I talked to Kevin and he seems to be clear with that, so the special meeting will be next Wednesday unless you hear different from us, we'll review it again tomorrow.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee